

ABSTRACT

(R. Andrews, 8-76)

28 South Potomac Street

1916

Hagerstown

Washington County

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HISTORIC SITE
SURVEY INVENTORY

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON: 28 South Potomac Street					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: 28 South Potomac Street					
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown					
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Washington		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	Public Acquisition:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes:
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____	
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: Schindel, Rohrer and Company, Inc.					
STREET AND NUMBER: 28 South Potomac Street					
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown			STATE: Maryland		
				21740	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Washington County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER: 95 West Washington Street					
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown			STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 143-275					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY:					
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building stands at 28 South Potomac Street in Hagerstown, Washington County, and is located on the east side of the street near the middle of the block formed by Public Square and Antietam Street.

The structure is a four story high brick commercial building which was erected in 1916 for the present owners. The building originally abutted both the sidewalk and the structure to the north with an alley along the south side but is now free standing on both the north and south elevations. The facade (west side), on which all of the decoration is concentrated, has a large shop front on the ground floor, is divided into three bays on the upper stories, and is terminated by a plain cornice and roof balustrade. The bricks of the facade are laid in Flemish bond with stretcher brick decorative bands and patterns.

The first floor commercial front has two recessed entrances and display windows with a transom of leaded-glass with narrow, vertical pieces of glass, a few of which are stained. The transom stretches the length of the shop front. The shop windows have angular decorative banding of the Art Deco influence. This decorative banding probably dates from the 1930s or 1940s. The display windows may date from the same period as the banding.

The second floor facade windows, replacements of the originals (what ever they were?) are inserted in a large segmental arched bay with a large masonry keystone. The spandrel area below the windows has a wide band of rectangular panels with cut corners. The band is executed in metal.

The third and fourth floor windows on the facade, which are also replacements, are symmetrically arranged with three openings per floor and flat pilasters delineating the bays.

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6 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1916

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	osophy	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	itarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Deed Records, Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland.
 Schindel, Joseph. Telephone conversation, Hagerstown, Maryland.
 21 June 1976.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE			LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

The property measures approximately 41' x 240'.

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

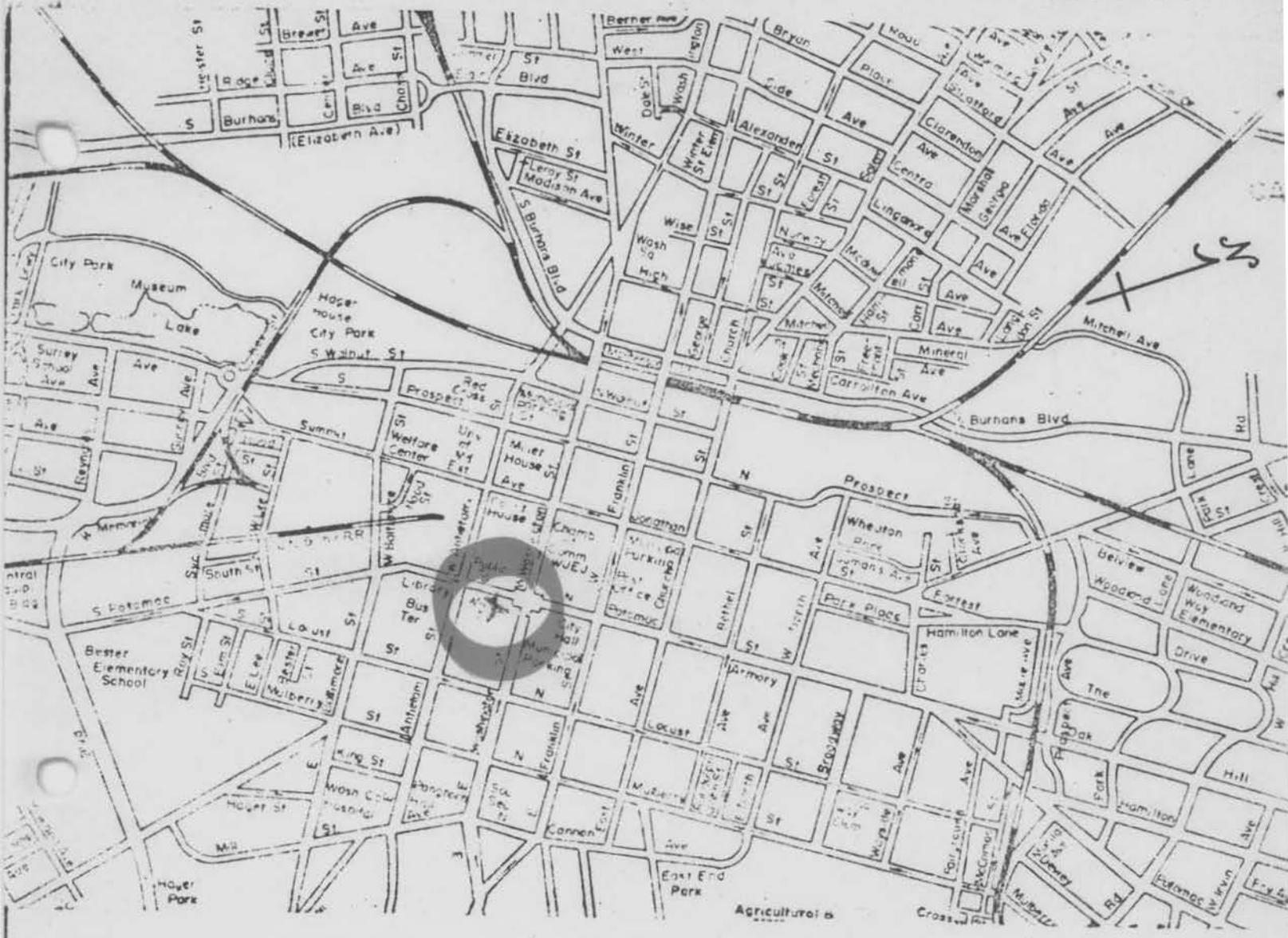
NAME AND TITLE: Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Preservation Consultant (mbe)		DATE
ORGANIZATION City of Hagerstown		August 11, 1976
STREET AND NUMBER: City Hall		
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE Maryland	

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature



SITE: 28 South Potomac Street
 Hagerstown
 Washington County, Maryland

map: City of Hagerstown,
Washington County, Md.
 City Engineering Dept.
 July, 1970
 scale 1"=1200'



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28 South Potomac Street
Hagerstown
Washington Co., Md.

NW view

October, 1975

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SCHINDEL, ROHRER & CO., INC.
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HARDWARE-HOUSEWARES-SPORTING GOODS

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NO STOPPING OR STANDING

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West elevation - detail

October, 1975

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